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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 22, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed August 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth in the instant Response. A response was initially due June 22, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed with a Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 22, 2002. Applicants herewith submit a Petition for a Five-month Extension of Time extending the time to reply up to and including February 24, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal sheet with Petition for Extension of Time;
- Request for Continued Examination;
- Check;
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